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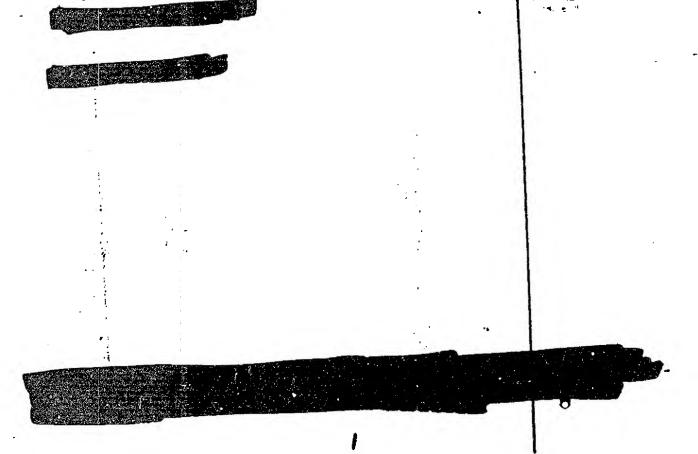
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: Autopsies Allegedly Performed on the Bodies of U.S. Pilots at a Quang Ninh Province Field Hospital in 1968 and the Capture and Filling of a U.S. Pilot in 1969.



1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report about autopsies allegedly performed on the bodies of U.S. pilots at a Quang Ninh Province field hospital in the former percentic Republic of Vietnam in 1968 and the capture and killing of a milot in 1969 U.S. pilot in 1969. Deputy Director For Operations CCI DCI DDCI BXEC DIR STATE/EAP DIA NIO/EAP NSA Attachment: Report as stated 0

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TEXT: 1. In about November 1968 the body of a U.S. pilot was taken by a Chinese ambulance to a small field hospital at Deo But, between Hon Gai and Cam Pha, in Quang Ninh Province, the former pemocratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV). The body was taken to an open room, undressed and cut open from the neck to the loins by a team of doctors assisted by two nurses. Its organs were taken out individually, photographed and returned to the body. When the process was completed, the body was sewn up, dressed in a prisoner uniform and taken toward Cam Phs by the same ambulance.

2. The U.S. pilot was about 2 meters tall and more that 50 centimpters broad. His chest was covered with dense dark red hair. His right leg and the back of his skull were crushed. These injuries, which were the proximate cause of death, were sustained when he landed on rocks along the coast after parachuting from his jet aircraft. He wore a one-piece overall uniform with a white cagle insignia on the collar, a big wrist watch and and eight-by-ten centimeter plate on a chain around his neck. His face was covered during the autopsy.

3. It was said at the time that a second pilot was captured alive by the Public Security forces. This pilot had parachuted into the sea, and survived. Both pilots had landed near the coast the field hospital.

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4. Another hody of a U.S. pilot was brought to the Deo But field hospital in early 1969, between the time of the lunar new year (Tet) and March. The body, which occupied the entire length of the rear of the ambulance, was wrapped when taken off the ambulance. This pilot reportedly had landed by parachute in an old farmer's garden in the Dong Trieu area. Because the farmer's house had been destroyed by a previous bombardue to the old man killed the pilot with his hoe by hitting him repeatedly despite the pilot's attempts to surrender. The old farmer was later reprimanded by the authorities and details of the case were printed in an issue of Nhan Dan. printed in an issue of Nhan Dan.

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